

Wonderful Progress in Horse Breeding.

The great demand for large work horses has led to extreme experiments in breeding the small mares of Western ranges to large Percheron stallions. The results, contrary to public belief, have proven remarkably successful. From these mares weighing from 700 to 900 pounds, when bred to imported Percheron stallions, are produced horses that possess about one-half the united weight of sire and dam, and while partaking of the characteristics of the sire, they lose none of the endurance and hardihood of the dam, selling readily for from \$100 to \$200.

As the vast herds of the long-horned, gaunt Texas cattle, worth from 2 to 3 cents a pound, that appeared on our markets a few years since, have been improved by the use of Short-horn and Hereford bulls until we scarcely recognize the blood-like looking steers, worth from 5 to 6 cents a pound, now coming from the range as their descendants; so may we expect that the useless horses that are being brought from the West and Southwest and sold through the states at from \$25 to \$50 a head, will soon be displaced by the value being of sufficient size to work, and showing the character and docility of their sires.

One of the evidences of the success of this method of breeding is deduced from the fact that M. W. Dunham, of Wayne, Ill., the greatest importer of Draft horses in America, and from whose stables have gone out nearly all the pure bred Percheron stallions now in breeding upon Western ranges, and who has had the benefit of the experience of all those who have been breeding from stallions bought of him during the past ten years, has engaged in the business with the Messrs. Studenbaker, of South Bend, Ind., and John A. Witter, of Denver, Col., and invested half a million dollars in ranges and stock. The present year they are breeding about 2,000 mares to 32 of the finest imported Percheron stallions. The uniformity, beauty and size of the colts produced from the range mares and the imported sires, has attracted the attention of many of the progressive breeders of the West; notably the Hon. M. E. Post, member of congress from Wyoming, who has one of the finest bands of horses, and probably one of the largest and best ranges in that territory, consisting of 100,000 acres under fence, recently purchased. During the past year Mr. Post has bought from Mr. Dunham, 15 imported Percheron stallions and two imported Percheron mares; also the Oregon Horse and Land Co., located on Snake river and owning 8,000 horses, have bought of him a large number of Percheron stallions, and are introducing them exclusively for breeding on their herd. Many other prominent stock breeders, recognizing the superiority of the Percheron cross, have been liberal purchasers of Mr. Dunham. Among them Polidexter & Orr, Conrad Kohrs, Mr. Clark, Mr. Maulder, Mr. Murphy and many others of Montana; Hippman Bros, Northwest Tp.; Mr. Latimer and Mr. McNutt, of Idaho; Mr. Deau, of Nevada; Mr. Cory, Mr. Clark and Mr. Houndy, of Utah; Mr. Lot Smith, Mr. Mortison, of Arizona; Mr. Starkweather and numerous others of Texas; which shows what a powerful hold this system of breeding is taking on the minds of range breeders. To supply this vast trade which penetrates every portion of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Manitoba to the Gulf, \$5,000,000 worth of horses have been imported from France since 1872 by M. W. Dunham, of Oaklawn Farm, Wayne, DuPage county, Ill., who now has on hand 500 head of pedigreed stallions and mares.

The Figs Will Pay.

Enthusiastic swine breeders, of a statistical turn of mind, occasionally try to show by figures the comparative importance of the hog growing interests of the country. But no great array of figures is needed to satisfy the farmer of moderate means that hog raising is one of his surest and quickest ways of making money. It takes less capital than in the rearing of horses and cattle, and it brings returns much sooner.

The greatest drawback to swine breeding is the liability to losses from epidemic diseases which so frequently sweep through the country. Yet the great prolificacy and rapid growth of hogs render it possible to soon recover from these losses and still come out ahead of even the fast horse man. A friend recently remarked that he had followed the showing of horses at fairs for many years, though from a lack of sufficient capital, not as largely as he would have liked. At the same time he kept a lot of good hogs at home, and almost immediately after his return from the fairs in the fall, he had to sell hogs to pay his horse-showing expenses. Since then he has handled fewer horses and more hogs. Now, instead of standing near the foot of the roll as a breeder of good horses and hogs, he has advanced to the foremost rank as a breeder of imported swine.—PULL, THURTON, in K. C. Live-Stock Indicator.

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Novel Use of a Mad Stone.

A communication from Cooper, Texas, to the St. Louis Republican says: The Rev. Mr. Boyd, father of Dr. Boyd, of Cooper, the county seat of Delta county, Texas, has for a long time been afflicted with cancer, that has been slowly, but steadily, growing until some five weeks since he became confined to his rooms and it was thought by his best friends he would never leave it alive. In the meantime a friend of his in California by the name of Dr. Davis, hearing of his affliction telegraphed him to apply the madstone and wrote him the particulars in making such application. He procured a madstone, and upon receipt of the letter applied it, following out the instructions of the letter, which were to pare off some portion of the skin on some limb between the joints and apply the stone to the place so pared, and when full to first immerse the stone for one hour in cold water, and afterward in hot water, to rid it of the poisonous fluid. The substance emitted turns the water to somewhat of a milky character and leaves a scum on top. He is cautioned not to apply it too often and says he cannot stand its too frequent use as it makes him nervous. After its application the arm looks as though a tight cord had been drawn around it. Dr. Davis writes the discovery was entirely accidental. The owner of a madstone in California had a cancer and was bitten by a rabid dog. He of course applied his madstone and to his surprise his cancer was cured. It was then a question whether one disease cured the other, or whether the madstone or the mad dog cured the cancer, and the stone was put then to many tests in cancers and it proved a success in every case. His reverence is convalescent and takes out-door exercise.

Pursued by Fate.

Charles Suess, of Brunswick, furnishes an instance of the fact that crimes which outrage public sentiment, though unpunished by law, draw down upon the evil doer their own peculiar punishment. A few years ago Suess opened a saloon and nine-pin alley near the depot under favorable auspices. Everything he touched seemed to turn to money. After his success was assured and he had amassed money enough to be considered well-to-do, he, in a fit of jealous rage, shot and killed William Dodson, under circumstances which rendered the killing doubly atrocious. The wife of Suess was a woman notorious for her unchastity. Suess went home one day and found young Dodson in his sitting room, with overcoat on, talking Mrs. Suess. No evidence appeared of anything improper, but Suess got his shotgun, entered the sitting room and aimed at Dodson. The poor young man, frightened out of his senses, crouched behind the stove begging for his life. The enraged man advanced upon him, deliberately taking his aim, and fairly riddled his victim with shot, killing him instantly.

Money secured Suess' release and enabled him to avoid the law. But a stronger and sterner judge than even the law placed its ban on the felon and alley; customers hurried by the house that had witnessed such a diabolical crime, and this week, to secure a \$1000 saloon license, Suess forged Gips (first name) to a note. Even this affair has been hashed up, and no arrests will be made, but retributive justice will take its course in spite of the law, and discover the Cain-branded man wherever he goes.—Moberly Monitor.

When our contemporary says: "happy secured Suess' release and enabled him to evade the law" we hope he does not intend to insinuate that money was used to corrupt officials, or the jury, as might be inferred from the latitude given. No doubt the chief trouble in the case was that Dodson's friends had no money to put into the prosecution to pay for hunting up the evidence in detail that would have secured Suess' conviction. If guilty, as indicated in the foregoing article.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who desire it this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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